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## HUMAN DESTINY

are the lowest price at which man, in this

world, can obtain happiness and safety. The primordial cause, "in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," includes within its scope not only the bodily, but the mental and moral powers of man. And reason and philosophy, not less than revelation, clearly demonstrate that all nature, both within us and without, is so formed and constituted as to enforce this destiny.

Not only does the uncultivated earth bring forth thorns and thistles rather than fruit, but its tempting fruit, unless discriminated, may poison us. And the air we breathe, the fire that warms us, and the in-

innumerable other objects which are essential to our existence or enjoyment, must be, for the most part, laboriously sought, and must all be cautiously distinguished, and appropriated, and used, if we would secure the benefits and escape the mischiefs which, in some form, reach us the sooner to occasion.

And if we seek for happiness in the exercise of the mental and moral powers, the steep and dangerous ascent is before us. The temple of science stands at the summit of an almost inaccessible mountain. "Truth lies at the bottom of a well." Moral rectitude is a critical medium; the two extremes force

which are vices. And even the path to heaven, as we are instructed from the sacred text, is narrow and difficult, with a broad and leading from it to perdition; so that earth and heaven are legibly inscribed by the finger of the Creator with the salutary name of man, and all metaphysics.

And yet, such is the intrinsic constitution of human nature, that this apparently severe destiny is the efficient cause of its highest dignity and happiness. Perils and impediments in our path prompt us to vigorous and energetic action. Our chief happiness consists in overcoming them, in realizing the

in accidental errors—in acquiring the valuable objects around us, not in their supreme enjoyment—in eluding, or grappling with and over-cumulating, danger—not in a riot, lifeless exemption from it. And every human faculty put forth and exerted for these purposes is expanded, invigorated,

and improved by exercise.

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**LITERARY AND DRAMATIC.**

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"BRASS" has been very successful at Philadelphia.

FRANCIS GEORGE BRASS has to commo

W. E. H. LUCKY is engaged in writing a history of social life in the Eighteenth century.

COL. VALENTINE BAKER will write letters to the London World from the congressional and Turkey.

LOUIS BLANC has never mentioned Cass

It is said that Mr. George L. Fox is at his own home, quite well in mind, though still weak in body. There is no hope of his recovery.

FITZENS has been quite ill since her return to England from America, and is trying to improve her health to fill her autumnal engagements.

ONE of Verdi's letters brought \$1 at a recent Paris autograph sale; one of Holmby's, \$5; one from Nils. Malm to Louis Philippe, \$25; and one by Lincoln, \$25.

"**AROUND the world**" continues to draw overcrowded houses. On the 23rd inst., the one hundredth performance of that successful

JOSEPH FRANEY, the youngest historical painter, recently died at the east of Lord St.

THE late Lord Dunsany's *Notes on Irish Architecture*, vol. 2, will be ready in a few months. It will deal principally with the Round Towers and Ornamental Romanesque Churches anterior to the Anglo-Norman era.

We hear that Mr. William Morris has an epic poem in the press, the subject of which is the great Northern story of Ragnarok and the Nibelungs. The author has for the most part followed closely the Norse version of the tale.

Monday's first night took place in San Francisco, August 29. The first choice of a premium was brought \$115, and the other of premiums varying from \$25 to \$60. Seats in the dress circle and orchestra brought from \$5 to \$8.

**MORITZ LOKAI**, the most fertile Hungarian novelist, who is said to have published the enormous number of the volumes of romances, novelettes and dramas. In all recent editions

M. LEON DUCHENNE, better known by his pen name of "Fervanque," a clever dilettante of the Boulevard type, has died suddenly in Paris. He first established a reputation in literature by his notes on Paris, published in

Mrs. JEAN LANDER has dramatized Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter," and expects to produce it in this city prior to the close of the season. Revelling in before a circle of critics and friends of Hawthorne, recently, in Boston, its triumphant success was predicted. Mrs. Lander herself will play the part of Hester.

A NATIVE Indian paper states that Mr W. Blair has obtained from Kachmar a manuscript of the *Athova Veda*, supposed to be the oldest yet discovered. It is written in the *Sarada* character on birch bark, which has become quite brittle from age. It has been presented to the Indian Office Library, by whom it has been sent, through the German

THE Rev. John W. Chadwick, of Ipswich, has collected his verses into a volume. R. H. Stoddard is compiling a life of Mayling. The Rev. E. F. Rice is finishing a new novel. Sid-ney Lanier has collected his poems for publication. Montgomery Blair is engaged on a life of Andrew Jackson. A compilation by

been formed in Paris, headed by Victor Hugo and Louis Blanc, for the purpose of publishing an edition of Edgar Quinet's writings.

**M. THEOPHILUS SILVERSTEIN**, one of the most brilliant art critics in France, was asked to breakfast recently with M. Chambrin, a

could be his good news for him. The news was that the decoration of the Legion of Honor had been obtained for M. Brugue, the founder of the Museum at Montpellier, whom M. Syllvestre had assisted. M. Guambac hurried away to the Budget Committee. Before the break that was sounded, M. Syllvestre complained of the heat, and suddenly fell down dead of a stroke.

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